

Literary Notes.

THE TEMPTATIONS OF KATHARINE GRAY. Edited by Mary Lowe Dickinson. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street.

The story of Katharine Gray as portrayed in this volume is very interesting and entertaining. Katharine was an ordinary woman, without any great environment, moved by the passion of a mighty mother-love, governed and held captive to that love, and giving way to the temptation to do a wrong because of care for one beloved. It truthfully shows that the world is full of women who would do anything and risk anything that is right for the sake of a beloved child. One of the questions that the author aims to answer is, whether the love which causes one to do wrong is really a greater love than that which simply suffers and endures.

In the life of Katherine Gray we can trace the progress of a human soul loving much, willing to work, willing to make great sacrifices, choosing much that is good, yet always hiding many things at the very heart and root of the life. The story shows how the very want of conscience and the lack of proper motives may not only be like a worm at the root of our personal life, but that just so far as that spirit penetrates any good work undertaken, it corrupts and destroys. It shows how works of reform, attempts to uphold the poor and downfallen, efforts to advance the progress of women in every field, may all seem prosperous and successful outwardly, and yet for the lack of right principles and right motives be destructive instead of helpful.

A brief paragraph can hardly do justice to the interesting announcements which THE YOUTH'S COMPANION makes for the coming year. Not only will some of the most delightful story-writers contribute to the paper, but many of the most eminent statesmen, jurists and scientists of the world. No fewer than three cabinet Ministers are announced, among them being the Secretary of Agriculture, who chose for a subject "Arbor Day," the celebration of which he originated; Secretary Herbert writes on "What the President of the United States Does," and Secretary Hoke Smith on "Our Indians."

In a fascinating group of articles under the head of "How I Served my Apprenticeship," Frank R. Stockton tells how he became an author, General Nelson A. Miles gives reminiscences of his army days, and Andrew Carnegie recalls his earliest struggle in getting a business footing.

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The January issue of the *Preacher's Magazine* is replete with able and instructive matter. No number of this excellent aid has contained a richer variety suitable for preachers, teachers and students. It is choice and grows in popularity. A New Year sermon by James Stalker, D. D., entitled "Our Guide," is most excellent. "The Love of the Beautiful," a sermon by Rev. Canon Wilberforce, is full of instructive thought. The Rev. Mark Guy Pearse continues his superior papers, entitled, "In the Banqueting House," the present being upon "The Lord's Table." Rich and appropriate to the season are the numerous homiletical sketches and helps. Among them "A Homily for the New Year," by Rev. J. Anderson Wright; "New Year Gifts and Vows," by Rev. Alfred Tucker; "The True Spiritual Life of Man," by Rev. David Thomas; "What is Your Life," by Joseph Parker, D. D.; "Profit and Loss," by Rev. Samuel Oliver and many other sketches. "A Brief Sermon for Busy Readers," by Joseph Parker, D. D., is pertinent. The Rev. R. Brewin furnishes a charming "Children's Sermon." "Notes and Illustrations" is a department of value to preachers. Dr. William E. Ketcham still writes with vigor the "Notes on the International Sunday-school Lessons," and presents "Outline Addresses on the Golden Texts." Many other articles enrich the number. Published monthly at \$1.50 per year, 15 cents per copy. Liberal premium offers are made to new subscribers. Wilbur B. Ketcham, Publisher, 2 Cooper Union, N. Y.

THE most awful thought that comes to a man sometimes is the thought of a soul that he injured years and years ago, and that he cannot touch and cannot help. His own life is under better influence; his own life is uplifted; but where is the man, where is the woman, to whom he did the harm years and years ago? God save us from that! It would be hopeless if it had not the infinite hope in the endless love of God to fall back upon.—*Phillips Brooks.*

Our Dead.

McCLAIN.—Jesse McClain was born Nov. 23, 1863, and died Dec. 26, 1895, aged 32 years, 1 month, and 2 days. He united with the Brethren church at Twelve Mile, Ind., Oct., 1895. From that time to his death, he lived a faithful Christian life. Funeral services by the writer Dec. 27. W. C. PERRY.

HILLEGASS.—Near Dividing Ridge, Somerset Co., Pa., Dec. 28, 1895, sister Susan Henrietta Hillegass, aged 24 years, 5 month, and 3 days. Cause of death consumption. Six hours before death she was anointed and partook of the communion, then divided her personal effects among her friends, lay down and fell asleep in Jesus in full assurance of a blessed immortality. Father and seven younger brothers and sisters mourn their loss. Her mother departed this life six years ago, which gave sister Sue the care of home and family which she filled like a mother.

JOHN H. KNEPPER, Pastor.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

The death angel has again come into our midst and by the taking of our loved friend and companion, the youthful Charles Snyder, seemed to say,

"My Lord has need of these flowerets gay."

And to console the weeping friends he seemed to say,

"They shall all bloom in the fields of light,
Transplanted by my care."

Therefore, we the undersigned committee are moved to expressions of deep sympathy and sorrow.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Providence to remove from our midst our friend, and whereas our Sunday-school and K. C. Society has lost in his death a member, therefore be it

Resolved, That we the K. C., of the Fair Haven Brethren church extend to the bereaved father and mother brother and sister Snyder, and the three loving sisters our heart-felt sympathy, and in their sad bereavement we commend them into the care and comfort of Him who doeth all things well, and be it

Resolved, That we cherish his memory and that we who are yet on the "shores of time" may by his death be admonished to walk closer with our God that we may meet him where we will indeed be the King's Children. Be it also

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the EVANGELIST and K. C. paper and to the bereaved family.

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